

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicants explicitly incorporate U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,425, U.S. Patent Publication 200301250022 in the originally filed present application (please see, Paragraph [0019]). Therefore, Applicants propose amending the present Specification with explicatory transitions and paragraphs [0012], and [0023-26], respectively, from explicitly incorporated U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,425, U.S. Patent Publication 200301250022, to be located between paragraphs [0019] and [0020] of the present Specification as follows:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,425, U.S. Patent Publication 200301250022 recites in part: "The invention translates the message from an addressing protocol used by the first agency to a protocol used by the second agency. The invention maintains a global directory of addresses of units within the first agency and the second agency. The invention provides the first agency and the second agency access to the global directory to obtain addresses of units within the global directory. The invention also produces a report of active units in the first agency and the second agency."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,425, U.S. Patent Publication 200301250022 also recites in part: "The inventive global directory, implemented on a "regional message server" 200, as shown in Figure 2 below, provides a way for existing agencies to continue using their existing addressing schemes for local users, yet participate in the regional message server network. The inventive global directory may also be used by an officer in one agency to address a message to individuals in other agencies in situations requiring cooperation or assistance."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,425, U.S. Patent Publication 200301250022 further recites in part: "The regional message server 200 utilizes an addressing scheme based upon a hierarchical scheme. This permits each individual system's address scheme to remain intact, without modification. When messages are transmitted between different units 120, 121 within a given system, the messages are unaltered and operate according to that system's requirements. However, when messages are transmitted through the regional message server 200

to a unit in a different agency, additional information is added to the original message by the regional message server 200 that identifies the agency to which the message is directed."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,425, U.S. Patent Publication 200301250022 yet further recites in part: "Therefore, the invention does not alter messages that are originated and delivered within a given agency. Thus, the invention does not require modification of the existing architecture of any given agency. Instead, the invention provides an additional communication channel that allows messages to be transferred easily and quickly between agencies. The only additional information required to transmit a message to a different agency is the proper regional address to identify the unit in the different agency For example, Agency A_s Unit 1121 wants to send a message to Unit M351 in Agency B. First, 1121 must have a global address for Unit M351. When Unit 1121 sends the message to Agency A_s message switch, the message switch must have the logic to know it cannot deliver that message to a local device (due to the destination address being 'foreign' to Agency A) and it must put it on an outbound regional queue."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,425, U.S. Patent Publication 200301250022 yet further recites in part: "The regional message server will receive the message on its inbound queue and look up the local Agency B address and associated outbound queue in the Global directory. The regional message server will substitute this local address for the global address in the message 'To:' field prior to putting it on the outbound queue. Agency B_s message switch will then get the message from its inbound queue. Agency B_s message switch will recognize the address as a local address and simply deliver the message to Unit M351. Since the recipient of a message may want to respond to the sender, note that, in the example Unit M351 receives the Global address from the sender as the source address. This allows one to easily respond to the sender."